श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : मुख्य-मुख्य मांगे इस सवाल में थी हैं ।

श्री शरद यादव: माननीय सदस्य कोई दूसरा सवाल पढ रहे हैं ।

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : मोरारका वाला ही पढ रहा हूं । विस्तार में न बताइये, मुख्य-मुख्य बातें बताइये ।

श्री शरद यादव : मुख्य बताइये कि मैं क्या बताऊं ।

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : आपने विस्तार-पूर्वक कहा है ।

श्री शरद यादव: कोई मुख्य बात तो कहिए ।

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : निगम के कार्यकलाप और किसानों के बारे में बताइये।

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) : आप दूसरा सवाल पढ रहे हैं।

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : वही पढ़ रहा हूं ।

श्री शरद यादव : हमको बचाइये । हमको भी प्रोटेक्शन देना चाहिए । हमें समझ में नहीं आ रहा है कि क्या पूछ रहे हैं।

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : सवाल में भी यही है, मैं भी यही पूछना चाहता हूं।

श्री शरद यादव: मैं पूछ रहा हूं कि इसमें सवाल क्या है ?

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल: मैं पूछ रहा हूं कि उचित दाम मिलने के लिए निगम द्वारा क्या विशेष काम किये गये हैं ? कुछ तो बता दें ।

श्री शरद यादव : मैं फिर से बता दू । जैसे ही हमारी नई सरकार आई... (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Stepping up of support to cotton growers by Cotton Corporation of India

*245. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India has stepped up support to the cotton growers in all cotton growing States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India has purchased 9.78 lakh bales of cotton till 21-3-90 as against purchase of 4.51 lakh bales during the corresponding period in the previous season.

Issue of Narmada Bonds and Debentures for Sardar Sarovar Projects

*246. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has sought permission of the Ministry for the issue of Narmada bonds and debentures to the tune of Rs.750 crores for the Sardar Sarovar Project, if so, whether it has been approved;

(b) whether such floatation of bonds have been permitted earlier also to the State Government for its projects; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there would be a resource gap of Rs. 1450 crores upto the end of Ninth Plan period in the expenditure requirement for this proejct and whether the State Government has proposed to make up the gap, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Chief Minister, Gujarat has written to the Finance Minister for permission to float

Narmada Bonds/Debentures to the tune of Rs. 500 crores. The Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd. had also sought permission for issue of Non-Convertibles of Rs. 250 crores. These have not been approved.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is not possible, at this stage, to predict the size of the resource gap, if any, at the end of the Ninth Plan.

Sick units in the deep-sea fishing industry

*247. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick units in the deep-sea fishing industry at present;

(b) what steps are being taken to revive the sick units; and

(c) how many sick units have been revived so far with the financial assistance from the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) As per information furnished by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI), there are no specific parameters to declare deep sea fishing companies as sick units.

28 companies assisted by Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) have approached SCICI for rehabilitation assistance. SCICI has recommended 14 cases for granting reliefs such as re-schedulement of loans and deferment of interest. Two proposals have been cleared by the Government.

Officer nominees on the Boards of Banks

*248. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that last year Supreme Court had decided that the officer nominees on the Boards of Banks as Director shall be the representative from the majority Officers' organisations of the Banks;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement the above judgement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in a number of Banks, the Officer Directors have not been appointed for the last so many years; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the Banks in which the appointments are pending and what efforts are being made by Government to fill up these vacancie, to protect the interests of officers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) At present, there is no Officer Employee Director on the Boards of any of the public sector banks except State Bank of India. The matter regarding appointment of Officer Employee Directors was the subject of litigation in various Courts for quite sometime. Last year, the Supreme Court has held that it would be perfectly in order for the Central Government to continue the practice followed by it prior to 1982 or to hold elections of the representatives of the concerned Officer Employees and if necessary to amend the Scheme suitably for that purpose. The matter is being processed further and it is the endeavour of the Government to appoint Officer Employee Directors on the Boards of the Public Sector Banks as early as possible.